

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



February, 2012

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Message from the Commander

Commander Don Saunders

Seventy-six members and guests attended the Lee-Jackson banquet January 17. SC Division Commander Mark Simpson spoke about the dedication to duty of General Lee and General Jackson. Certificates of appreciation were presented to former Commanders Mike Briggs, Dick Fields, and Rahlo Fowler. Thank you to Joyce Phillips and the OCR ladies for the delicious desserts.

Jeff Frank, Michael Moore, Carl Singley, and Don Saunders represented the Sloan camp in Lexington, VA, January 13-14. The Sloan camp flag flew on Main Street Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

Jack Malar, national SCV Field Rep, will present the program "It was all about slavery, Not" at the February 21 camp meeting.

OCR Project: Carol Hefley (OCR) will be collecting items to send to our troops. Suggested items: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, candy bars, trail mix, snacks and drink mixes. Please help our ladies with this project.

Heritage Rally –Richmond

The national SCV will hold a Heritage Rally in Richmond, Saturday, February 25. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for camp members who would like to attend.

"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

General Pat Cleburne, CSA



Plane flying around Lexington, VA, with banner stating...
"SHAME ON LEXINGTON HONOR LEE AND JACKSON".

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David Long

"The President's Day"

My father used to say that he was one day older than George Washington! My Dad's birthday was February 21st. President Washington's birthday was the 22nd. Of course they were in different centuries. President Lincoln was born on February 12th. Their birthdays used to be celebrated differently. When the Federal Government wanted to give the working people a long weekend, the one Monday in February was chosen and "President's Day" was created.

On Monday, the 20th we will acknowledge the service of both Presidents Washington and Lincoln. We all grew up praising George Washington. He was called the "Father Of Our Country" although he never had any children of his own. His picture hung in every schoolroom. And "he never told a lie".

President Abraham Lincoln is looked at differently by the historians and even those who served with him had different ideas about his character.

John Wilkes Booth said of Lincoln;

"The man's appearance, his pedigree, his course low jokes and anecdotes, his vulgar similes and his frivolity, are a disgrace to the seat he holds."

General George McClellan said;

"Nothing more than a well-meaning baboon. An offensive exhibition of boorishness and vulgarity."

Author Thomas Ashby describes Abraham Lincoln as follows;

"Lincoln was not a man of scholarly education, of wide learning, or of great oratorical power, yet he had the genius of common sense, the faculty of saying and doing the right thing at the right time."

For a man who has gone down in history as one of the greatest presidents of the United States, Abraham Lincoln did not have the qualifications of genius. He had no formal education. He was not attractive in his appearance nor striking in his personality or mannerisms. Neither did Lincoln have oratorical training, yet he had the God given ability of impeccable timing, and practical, every day good sense. How do we account for such genius in the common man?

We can only make one conclusion: Lincoln depended on God, and the Lord used his weaknesses to show the world that a person touched by God can be used in extra ordinary ways.

Our disabilities can become great abilities if we will yield ourselves completely to God.

"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong"

I Corinthians 1:27

Charge to The Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

Lee-Jackson Day at Lexington, VA, Saturday, January 14th



Calendar of Events

343rd Regular Meeting - (Col. John Sloan Camp)

Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:00 PM
 Capt. Bill's Seafood
 6108 West Market St.
 Greensboro, NC 27409
 (336) 852-5162

Speaker: Mark Simpson, Commander South Carolina SCV

SCV Heritage Rally in Richmond

Saturday, February 25th

Thirteenth Annual Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and Longwood University Free Civil War Seminar – 1862: A Year of Battles

Saturday, March 3rd
 Jarman Auditorium
 Longwood University
 Farmville, Virginia

8:45 a.m. Doors open

9:10 a.m. Introduction by Dr. David Coles, Associate Professor and Chair,
 Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy,
 Longwood University

9:15 a.m. John Quarstein
Richmond Saved: The 1862 Peninsula Campaign

10:15 a.m. John Hennessy
Second Manassas: Revisiting Return to Bull Run

11:15 p.m. Thomas Clemens
General Ezra Carman and the Maryland Campaign of 1862

12:30 Lunch

1:45 p.m. Thomas McGrath
**Shepherdstown: Last Clash of the Maryland Campaign,
 September 19-20, 1862**

2:45 p.m. Frank O'Rielly
Fredericksburg: Winter War on the Rappahannock

No reservations necessary. Signs will be posted on the Longwood University Campus. For directions to the campus go to www.longwood.edu. For more information contact Dr. David Coles at 434.395.2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434.352.8987, Ext. 32.

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Camp Staff

Don Saunders - Commander
 Josh Myers - Lt. Commander
 Sammy Scott - 2nd Lt. Commander
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